

## ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

A. The previous draft, dated 4 May 1976, contained a modified ten (10)-year Background Investigation.

1. Since 1968, the Civil Service Commission has been conducting five (5)-year background investigations.
2. Effective 6 July 1976, the Defense Investigative Service implemented a five (5)-year BI, while retaining provisions for a Special BI (SBI) with a 15-year scope to meet DCID 1/14 and other sensitive DOD requirements.
3. It is understood that the State Department recently implemented a seven (7)-year BI for investigations for all employees other than foreign <sup>service</sup> personnel, which are still investigated under a 15-year scope.
4. In December 1973, the Office of Security, based on a study, which is identified as Tab "C", recommended the continuation of CIA's 15-year BI - this recommendation was approved by the then DDA.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that we compromise and accept the modified ten (10)-year scope as set forth in the draft of 4 May 1976. (see Tab "G")

B. In addition to the upgrading of the five (5)-year BI scope, other alternatives are available:

1. CIA take action to limit the dissemination and access of our reports.

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3. CIA could conduct supplemental investigations on Department of Defense and other personnel, where applicable, in order to meet CIA investigative standards - this alternative is believed unacceptable in terms of both manpower and money that would be required.

4. Attention is again invited to the D/S memorandum to the DCI of 28 July 1976, wherein the Director of Security advised that he did not believe that the Agency can honor security clearances granted by the Department of Defense based on the reduced investigative and clearance standards referred to above. No recommendation for implementation was made.